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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: N.Y.A.  
SHIGERU FUJITA )  
: Group Art Unit: 2152  
Appln. No.: 09/923,423 )  
: Filed: August 8, 2001 )  
: For: COMMUNICATIONS )  
EQUIPMENT THAT CARRIES :  
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NETWORK HAVING PLURAL :  
PIECES OF COMMUNICATIONS )  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application,  
filed herewith, as follows. Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing beginning at  
page 2, and the Remarks begin at page 7.